

**The Founder Adrian Rădulescu,  
Promoter of the Creation of the Association of  
Scientists - Constanța Branch**



There are many people blessed with imagination, courage and tenacity, but few have these qualities to the extent and the combination that we find in Dr. Adrian Rădulescu. Hostile to any form of defeatism, Dr. Adrian Rădulescu inspired the people who surrounded him making it possible to transform a dream into a reality by creating in Constanța a branch of the Association of Scientists of Romania (A.O.Ș.)

Here is how began the minutes of the establishment of the Constanța Branch of A.O.Ș: “Today, Saturday, June 24, 1989, at the Headquarters of the Museum of History and Archaeology of Constanța, in the reception hall with beautiful paintings on the walls, on a sunny, pleasant day, suitable for important events, during the symposium "Interdisciplinary Scientific Convergences on the Shore of the Black Sea", was founded the Constanța Branch of the Association of Scientists of the Socialist Republic of Romania...”

At that time, in 1989, the Association of Romanian Scientists was a non-governmental and independent organisation of scientists who, according to their status, were militating “for the advancement of knowledge and the development of science in Romania, and for the promotion of new ideas, of the valuable results obtained by science in our country, in research and the intellectual creation in general”.

At the proposal of Academician Nicolae Teodorescu President of A.O.Ș., an 11-member Steering Committee was elected, formed of the following scientists: Dr. Adrian Rădulescu, PhD. Eng. Ionel Dumbravă, Dr. Maxim Cornelia, PhD. Eng. Gheorghe Lepădatu, PhD. Eng. Virgil Breaban, Dr. Emil Bărbulescu, Dr. Victor Ciupină, Dr. Maria Jurian, Dr. Vasile Copaceanu, PhD. Eng. Emanoil Cocoș, Dr. Olga Duțu. The Steering Committee chose unanimously as President of Constanța Branch of A.O.Ș. PhD. Adrian Rădulescu, Manager of the Museum of History and Archaeology, who, over time, proved to be one of the major leaders of the Association.

The Constanța Branch of the Association of Romanian Scientists offered the organisational framework for the reunion of Constanța's intellectuals, engineers, doctors, economists, silviculturists, agronomists, horticulturists, pharmacists, etc., with the stated aim of scientifically analysing some topics of major interest for the socio-cultural environment. The branch had a relatively large number of members, reflecting the mass character, which at that time was accepted at the level of an association.

The establishment in Constanța of an A.O.Ș. branch was an important moment for the cultural and scientific life of Dobruja, which thus reached the elite area of Romanian research and academia.

The branch revitalised its activity after the General Assembly of A.O.Ș. of October 1990, when Prof. PhD. Adrian Rădulescu, Manager of the Museum of History and Archaeology of Constanța, then Rector of the University of Constanța, was elected by the assembly as President of the Branch of Constanța of A.O.Ș.

In 1994, at the initiative of Adrian Rădulescu, the Association of Scientists of Romania, organised in Constanța the National Symposium of Astronomy and Culture, in collaboration with the Naval Academy Mircea cel Bătrân and the Astronomical Institute of the Romanian Academy; the symposium was widely appreciated.

After the General Assembly of A.O.Ș.R. of December 1994, when Major General Prof. PhD. Vasile Cândea was elected as President of A.O.Ș.R., and Acad. Nicolae Teodorescu as Honorary President, the leadership of the Constanța Branch of A.O.Ș.R. was ensured by: Prof. PhD. Adrian Rădulescu (President), Associate Professor PhD. Victor Ciupină (Vice President), Dr. Ion Văleanu (Scientific Secretary), Dr. Aurel Lup (member), Marius Belc (Technical Secretary).

An outstanding personality, forged by the harmonisation of a special intellectual spirit with an exceptional moral conduct, Adrian Rădulescu was undeniably a true mentor who loved truth and justice. With admirable firmness, Adrian Rădulescu continued throughout his life to serve science and culture, without drawing back from vicissitudes and never compromising the principles of the commitment he assumed.